

### Our Work Sites:

#### **Bear Run Nature Reserve:**

Since 1963 this 5,000-acre natural area has been owned and protected by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. It lies along the west slope of Laurel Ridge, facing the spectacular Youghiogheny River gorge. More than 20 miles of trails traverse this area which is adjacent to the world-famous Frank Lloyd Wright Structure-Fallingwater.

**Fort Necessity National Battlefield:** This unit of the National Park Service was the stage for the opening events of the French and Indian War. The park was established in 1931 to commemorate the battle, as well as the events that influenced Washington's development as a military officer.

#### **Forbes State Forest:**

The Forbes State Forest was named in honor of General John Forbes who, in 1757 ordered the construction of a road from Bedford to Fort Pitt for the movement of an expeditionary Army. The Forbes State Forest contains over 20 separate tracts of State Forest Land in Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. The total acreage is over 50,000 acres.

#### **Ohiopyle State Park:**

This park encompasses roughly 20,549 acres of rugged natural beauty and serves as the gateway to the Laurel Highlands. The focal point of the area is the more than 14 miles of the Youghiogheny River Gorge that passes through the heart of the park providing spectacular scenery, recreational opportunities and fantastic biological diversity.

## Who is the Southern Laurel Highlands Plant Management Partnership?

We are a group of agencies, companies and individuals working together to help protect Pennsylvania's native plant and animal species. This group encompasses many large land holders in Fayette County Pennsylvania. One of our main focuses is to identify and eradicate invasive species that are impacting our native species. An additional goal of the partnership is to educate the general public about the benefits of Pennsylvania's native species.

Please consider joining us in this effort. We have scheduled a myriad of special events this year. While we work hard on these days they are usually partnered with a special activity to make the work seem a bit less like, well...work.

#### Partners include:

The Fayette County Conservation District  
Friendship Farms  
Friends of Ohiopyle State Park  
Great Meadows Garden Club  
Kentuck Knob  
National Park Service  
New Meadow Run Community  
Penn's Corner Conservancy  
PA DCNR- Ohiopyle State Park  
PA DCNR- Forbes State Forest  
PA Game Commission  
Spring Valley Community  
US Forest Service  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

# Go Native!

## Project Weedwack & Native Plant Sale Information



Join us to help eliminate pressure on our native species.

*Southern Laurel Highlands Plant Management Partners:*

# Events 2011

Spring into Summer

## Native Plant Sale

When: May 28, 12:00-5:00pm

Where: Main Falls Area

Ohiopyle State Park

What: Purchase Native plants for your home garden

Contact: Barbara Wallace  
724-329-0986 or email  
eeohiopyle@qcol.net

## Project Weedwack Dates:

**Attack the Fort: Well, its honeysuckle.**

When: March 11, 9:00am

Where: Ft Necessity, Visitor's Center Classroom

What: Introduction and work on honeysuckle removal.

Contact: Connie Ranson  
724-329-5818 or  
email: connie\_ranson@nps.gov

## Project Weedwack Dates:

**Not so Heavenly Tree of Heaven**

When: April 9; 9:00am

Where: Ohiopyle State Park, -  
Meet at Park Office

What: Attack, pull, cut beat on and abuse Tree of Heaven and phragmites along the bike trail.

Contact: Stacie Hall 724-329-8598 or  
email: sthall@state.pa.us



**Garlic Mustard**

When: May 11, 9:00am

Where: Bear Run Barn

What: Garlic Mustard Pull

Contact: Jeff Rosier 724-329-7803  
Email: jrosier@paconserve.org

## Japanese Knotweed

When: June 17; 9:00am

Where: Ft Necessity, Visitor's center

What: Knotweed whacking by Washington Tavern

Contact: Connie Ranson 724-329-5818 or  
email: connie\_ranson@nps.gov

When: July 8, 9:00am OSP Park Office

Where: Middle Youghiogheny

What: Boat down the Middle (class I-II water) and abuse knotweed as we go (come angry).

Contact: Barbara Wallace 724-329-0986 or  
email eeohiopyle@qcol.net

(Because we need to prepare boats- advanced sign up is required for this event)



## Autumn Olive– Multiflora Rose

When: August 19 meet at Ft Necessity Visitor Center 9:00am

Where: Quebec Run– Forbes

What: Plant attack

Contact: Bob McBride 724-437-7983 or robmcbride@state.pa.us



## Lick Hollow Attack

When: September 16, 9:00am

Where: Forbes State Forest, Lick Hollow Picnic Area

What: Plants that just don't get along well with others– like Norway Maple,  
Contact: Bob McBride 724-437-7983 or  
email: robmcbride@state.pa.us



## Why should I participate?

- Learn about native plants and invasive plants
- Earn PA pesticide applicator credits (contact host site for details)
- Free drawing for cool stuff at each event

## What should I bring?

Please bring a lunch, drink, appropriate work attire and gloves. We will supply tools.